

RADICAL CHANGES ARE FORESHADOWED

Entire Educational System of Presbyterian Church Will Be Overhauled.

COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

Recommendations Will Be Submitted to General Assembly Next Year.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
It has been said by Rev. Walter L. Lingle, D. D., a member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, that some of the greatest movements of the Southern Presbyterian Church have been the direct result of important conferences held at Montreat. It is probable that this statement of Dr. Lingle will not apply more appropriately to the result of any conference held at Montreat during any year of the summer assembly of Presbyterians here than it will apply to the conference of the ad interim committee on education held here this season and the consequent action of this committee.

Already known, this committee was appointed by the moderator of the General Assembly held in Atlanta, in May of this year, and consisted of Rev. Henry H. Sweet, D. D., of Louisville, secretary of the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief, chairman, and one member from each of the fourteen synods of the assembly, and the expressed object of the appointment of the committee was that this committee should "consider all matters relating to the discovery, definition, coordination and allied questions of the schools and colleges connected with our (the Southern Presbyterian) church." The appointment of the committee included also a request that a conference of Christian educators be held at Montreat during the present summer, and that after the holding of this conference the ad interim committee report its findings, with or without recommendations, to the General Assembly of 1914.

Carefully discussed, the conference of Christian educators was held at the appointed time of the matters coming under the purview of the ad interim committee were carefully and thoroughly discussed. Since then the ad interim committee has held important meetings and has considered the recommendations of the conference of educators. The committee approved in the main the recommendations of this conference and found it necessary to make only some slight changes in the same. After making these changes, the committee adopted the recommendations and will present them to the General Assembly to be held in Kansas City, in 1914, for its consideration and with the recommendation that they be adopted by the assembly and be put into effect as speedily as possible. The report of the ad interim committee, including all of the recommendations, which has just come from the hands of the committee, is as follows:

I. Church Connection.—Your committee recommends: 1. That those schools, colleges and universities whose charters or constitutions provide that at least two-thirds of their trustees shall be elected, nominated or appointed by a court or courts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose presidents or principals are members of the said church, all the members of whose faculties are members of some evangelical church, a majority being members of the Presbyterian Church, and which require a course in the Bible, shall be classified as Southern Presbyterian institutions. 2. Those schools, colleges and universities whose charters require that at least two-thirds of their trustees shall be elected, nominated or appointed jointly by a court or courts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, together with a court or courts of other reformed churches holding membership in the Presbyterian Church, at least one-half of such trustees being elected, nominated or ratified by a court or courts of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose presidents or principals are members of some evangelical church, and which require a course in the Bible, shall be classified as joint Presbyterian institutions. 3. Those schools, colleges and universities whose charters or constitutions provide that a majority of their trustees shall be members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose presidents or principals are members of some evangelical church, a majority being members of the Bible, may be classified as affiliated Presbyterian institutions, if they desire. 4. Those theological seminaries which are approved by and report to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, shall be classified as Presbyterian theological seminaries. 5. All of the institutions listed above are cordially recommended to our people for patronage and support and the General Assembly is requested to place the institutions in classes 1, 2 and 4 upon the budget of our churches and of the assembly causes for regular financial support. 6. It is further recommended that all the funds secured under recommendation 5 shall be sent to the treasurer of the General Assembly, the committee of Christian education and ministerial relief, who shall retain not more than five per cent of the funds from each synod for administrative purposes

and return not less than 95 per cent to the proper agency or agencies in each synod for distribution among institutions in its bounds or under its control, as the synod or presbytery shall direct. That the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief be requested to set forth in its published lists and descriptive pamphlet of schools, colleges and seminaries a detailed statement of the exact relationship of each institution to the church, including the court or courts exercising trustees, the requirements as to church membership of trustees and faculties, the terms of office of trustees, the number of years over which Bible study required for graduation is distributed and the number of hours a student is required each year.

II. Standardization.—Your committee recommends: 1. The following requirements for a standard Presbyterian college: (1) for entrance, 14 units unconditioned, 12 units conditioned; (2) faculty of at least six full professors, giving their entire time to college work; (3) four full years of college work in the liberal arts and sciences; (4) its heads of departments must have the baccalaureate degree, or in lieu of this, the M. A. degree, conspicuous teaching ability; (5) endowment—a minimum of \$100,000 of productive funds, or an annual income for maintenance of not less than \$12,000, with the understanding that this is to be increased within three years after these standards go into effect to \$20,000, or an annual income for maintenance of not less than \$15,000; (6) a working library of 5,000 volumes and laboratory equipment sufficient for two years of college work in chemistry, physics and biology; (7) it must require for graduation not less than the equivalent of two years of biblical instruction of two hours a week each; (8) it must have only such professors and teachers as are members in good and regular standing in some evangelical church; (9) the above standards to go into effect September, 1915.

2. That after September, 1917, no church college, except standard colleges, as above defined, shall confer degrees.

3. As the definition of a standard Presbyterian college preparatory school: (1) it must give at least 14 units of preparatory work, according to the rating of the State high school inspectors or similar officials; (2) it shall, of course, give no degrees; (3) it shall give systematic biblical instruction during each of the four years; (4) the principal shall be a member of the Presbyterian Church in good and regular standing, and the teachers shall be members of some evangelical church. That the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief be asked: (1) to request each synod and presbytery to urge their pastors to comply with the above request; 2. That the executive committee of Christian education and ministerial relief be asked: (1) To prepare a pamphlet outlining the importance of Christian education and defining our educational institutions and their needs, allowing two pages to each, a copy to be sent to each of the institutions, each of our pastors and to the proper women's society of each church; (2) to prepare a series of leaflets on education for the general use of our school and college men; (3) to arrange, if possible,

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BUSY WEEK IS PLANNED FOR KNIGHTS' TEMPLAR

Denver, August 10.—Following the religious services which to-day marked the opening ceremonies of the thirty-second triennial convocation of the grand encampment of Knights Templar, the business and social affairs of the week will start to-morrow morning.

Monday's program begins with the reception of arriving commanderies. Denver Knights will meet the visitors and escort them to their quarters. A reception in honor of the grand encampment officers and members will be given by Denver Commandery, No. 25, at headquarters in the Broadway Theatre, followed by a similar reception by Colorado Commandery, No. 1, in El Jebel Temple. These events will occupy the time of the Templars until noon.

Band concerts will be given during the afternoon and evening at City Park and in the huge temporary grandstand, which has been erected on the site of the projected Civic Center.

On Tuesday, August 12, there will be a grand parade through the business section of the city, starting at 10:30 o'clock. The parade will be in fifteen divisions, estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 swords each.

The afternoon program will open with welcoming addresses by Governor E. M. Ammons, Mayor John M. Perkins, of Denver, and Cornelius J. Hart, of Pueblo, grand commander of Colorado. Response will be made by Most Eminent Sir William Brownell Melish, grand master of the grand encampment.

At 3 o'clock the grand encampment convenes in secret session. A battalion drill by Damascus Commandery, No. 42, of Detroit, will be given at 8 o'clock in the evening. Receptions and band concerts will round out the day's program.

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Trustees Not Re-Elected.
Alexandria, Va., August 10.—Three out of the four school trustees of Alexandria were not re-elected by the school electoral board of that county. Those who fell under the axe were B. G. Foster, of Washington District; George W. Zachary, of Jefferson District; and Dr. Charles B. Munson, of Arlington District. R. Bruce Harrison, contractor, of the ground that he is no longer a resident of Arlington District. Cherrydale, succeeds B. G. Foster, F. C. Handy, an attorney of Barcroft, takes the place of Dr. Munson, while J. L. Prosser succeeds George W. Zachary.

LIQUOR LICENSE MAY BE REVOKED

Special Term of Court To-Day Will Hear Case of Beverly W. Jones.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Chatham, Va., August 10.—A special term of Pittsylvania County Circuit Court will convene Monday to hear cause why Beverly W. Jones, a distiller, operating near Pigs Mill, should not have his license revoked. The proceeding is the outcome of the investigation of the Fall Creek Distilling Company, by a special grand jury at the July term of Circuit Court, which resulted in the indictment of Charles Hutcherson, W. A. Garrett, Bud Earles and Crane for selling whiskey without license. Hutcherson is now on bail of \$2,000. Crane at the time of indictment was placed in jail in default of bond. Earles and Garrett have left for parts unknown. The indictments against all but Jones will come up for trial at the regular term in September. During the investigation it was shown that the Fall Creek Distilling Company shipped during one month about 1,400 packages of whiskey. The Primitive Baptist Association met with the church at Malmeson on Friday and continued until this afternoon. The crowd to-day was very large, many from this place. Malmeson is about twelve miles south of this place on the road to Danville.

On Tuesday next the Roanoke Baptist Association will meet with Holywood Church, about six miles west of this place. The committee of arrangements has made arrangements to meet all delegates coming by rail at this place.

Reports from many sections of the county say that the crops are the best in many years, and with few exceptions, the county has had sufficient rain to preserve them suffering from drought. In the Five Forks locality very little rain has fallen since early in July, and about the same conditions have prevailed in that part of the county bordering on the Franklin County line. The wheat crop was very good, and the prospects are the most encouraging in many years. Hay has been injurious in some sections, while in others wind has injured the tobacco crop, the tobacco crops near this place having suffered more from wind than hail.

R. H. Tredway, of Timmonsville, S. C., engaged in the warehouse business, was here recently and reports tobacco selling higher than last season. Judging from the sales of the crop in South Carolina Mr. Tredway thinks that prices in the old belt will be equal to last season.

Dr. J. S. Halle recently appointed postmaster at this place, Saturday received his commission, and will take charge of the office about the 15th. Who the assistant will be is yet unknown.

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